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# Yokota hosts first blood drive in nearly two years

## Blood collected for all service branches

By 1st Lt Ben Alumbaugh  
374 Airlift Wing public affairs

Yokota will host a blood drive for the first time in two years on Tuesday, July 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yujo Recreation Center.

The blood drive is one stop on a pacific-wide drive sponsored by the Armed Forces Blood Bank Center, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

“With the war going on, there is a constant need for blood,” said Staff Sgt. Susana Fields, Laboratory Craftsman in charge of the Blood Bank at Yokota. “On top of the war, the blood drive will supply all the medical centers, including Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.”

The goal for the blood drive is 100 units. One unit is equal to about a pint of blood. To help reach the goal, organizers have had a sign-up table at the Yokota Community Center since Wednesday and sign-ups will continue through Saturday.

“Although we are taking appointments for people,” said Sergeant Fields. “We will be accepting walk-ins during the actual blood drive.”

“There are a lot of people on this base so I believe our goal of 100 units is very reachable,” said Sergeant Fields. “I would love to get 200 units out of this drive.”

The blood drive is normally an annual event, but the drive has not happened for the past two years due to a couple of factors: funding and airlift.

“The Armed Services Blood Bank Center used the C-9 for airlift, but when the aircraft was retired; there was no airlift available,” said Maj. Marybeth Luna, chief of Clinical Labratory Services at Yokota. “Also, the funding for their travel, or TDY, was cut, so there was almost no way for the center to conduct the annual blood drives.”

According to Major Luna some money became available and the center quickly contacted all the locations to coordinate the blood drives.

“Thankfully, we had laid the ground work for this,” said Major Luna. “We are prepared and should be good to go and reach our goal.”

“Our goal of 100 units is very attainable,” said Major Luna. “But people can only donate once and they can only donate one unit, so we need everyone to come out and support this effort.”

For more information about the blood drive call the American Red Cross office at 225-7522.



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Michael Atkinson

## Herk gets a shower

Backlit by the July 4 fireworks display, a Yokota C-130 stands ready to support Pacific Air Forces missions at a moments notice. Yokota families spent the day at several events including the Leaky Kon-tiki at the Natatorium, a barbecue cookoff, scavenger hunt and a beach bash open to all residents.

# Airmen integral to JASDF participation at Cooperative Cope Thunder

By Capt. Warren Comer  
Cooperative Cope Thunder Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Putting together an exercise like Cooperative Cope Thunder takes months of advance preparation and many different levels of coordination to ensure participants get something out of the training that they may use during actual combat.

As CCT involves various countries’ militaries, Airmen are responsible for ensuring they arrive to the exercise with all of their equipment and are provided the support they require.

This year the sole mission here for a team of three Airmen, assigned to 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan, is to help a contingent from the Japanese Air Self Defense Force deploy to Eielson to train with their U.S. counterparts.

They assisted the JASDF participants who deployed from Chitose Air Base, Japan, through interpreting, exercise planning and airlift operations. This is the third time the JASDF has deployed fighter aircraft to CCT.

Before doing any of this, there must be communication. This is where Capt. Joseph Cook steps in. As an exchange officer from the Japan Personnel Exchange Program, the captain teaches his skills as a communication officer to his Japanese counterparts at Kumagaya Air Base in Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo.

“It’s very challenging trying to translate the language as well as the culture,” said Captain Cook. “I usually have to explain to commanders the custom of greetings or the bringing of gifts when introduced to new people.”

The JASDF even has terms, or military jargon, that the normal Japanese person

doesn’t use, making the captain’s job even more challenging when trying to explain it to someone in the U.S. military.

“It is great helping them (JASDF) learn about American culture here and seeing them adapt to it,” said Captain Cook.

“We work in an environment where bilateral relationships are part of our daily lives,” said Master Sgt. Frank Tuck, superintendent of airlift operations, who regularly works with the Japanese Self Defense Force liaisons at Yokota.

According to Sergeant Tuck, he receives the requirements the JASDF participants need in the way of airlift and tries to place them with the best airframe available. He also has to track their equipment, particularly any hazardous materials that they may be taking to the exercise.

To plan the Japanese participation in the

exercise, information is exchanged between the JASDF and U.S. Air Force explaining what they would like to accomplish.

Capt. Robert Crable, chief of bilateral base support plans and an exercise planner, ensures that all of those requirements are met to begin the preparations for participating.

“The Japanese are very precise when they plan for their exercises,” said Captain Crable. “It’s different in the way we (the U.S. military) plan because we mainly stick to the broader details until the time we execute.”

The demanding aspect of the job is to find the middle ground where both the JASDF and U.S. Air Force will be provided with a good planning product that both sides understand.

With the help of these Airmen, their contributions to the overall success of the exercise have a direct effect on the relationships between both nations.



## Air Force approves wear of Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force has authorized wear of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraqi Campaign medals.

The Department of Defense campaign medals apply to active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001 for Operation Enduring Freedom and March 19, 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days to be eligible. The ACM is awarded for service for all land areas and all airspaces above Afghanistan. The ICM is for service covering all land areas of Iraq, all adjoining water areas out to 12 nautical miles and all airspaces above those areas.

Service members are not entitled to more than one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for the same action, achievement, or period of service. In addition, there are no devices for the ACM, ICM, and Global War on Terrorism Medal.

A period of service is defined as an area of deployment, and includes the number of days criteria outlined

above. Members begin a second period of service when they forward deploy or return to home station and then redeploy later.

Airmen deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, who have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, between the eligibility period and April 30, 2005 may elect to wear either the appropriate campaign medal or the GWOT-E medal, but not both.

Those who deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, who have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, after April 30 can only earn the respective campaign medal for the area they served in.

The Air Force Personnel Center here will do a mass system update in August to convert GWOT-E medals to ACMs or ICMs, for Airmen now eligible for one of the campaign medals. Airmen who do not want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight.

The ACM shall be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal above the ICM, and the ICM shall be positioned below the ACM and above the GWOT medal.

For more information, contact awards and decorations at 225-9913.



Air Force graphics

**Above, Afghanistan campaign and Iraq campaign medals.**

## TSP 'open season' no longer in effect

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The restrictions of having only two open seasons each year for civilian and military members to sign up for, stop, resume, or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions ended July 1.

Public Law 108-469 eliminates restrictions on contribution elections that have always been tied to TSP open seasons. The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members eligible to contribute to TSP in the following ways:

- Gives individuals more flexibility in managing their TSP contribution amounts depending on their personal situations.

- Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year (based on pay periods) and military personnel 24 per year.

- Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1, will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they are currently under for 2005 – Civil Service Retirement System, 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement

System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

The law eliminating TSP open seasons does not eliminate the waiting period that newly hired FERS employees or rehired FERS employees not previously eligible must serve before they can begin to receive agency contributions.

"As a reminder, Air Force-served civilian employees must make TSP contribution elections via the BEST automated phone system or the Employee Benefits Information System," said Janet Thomas, of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and entitlement service team. For instructions on how to access the BEST automated web and phone system, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/automated.htm>.

For information on TSP or enrollment in TSP, military members can visit [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm). For civilian TSP information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

More information on TSP is also available at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

### Overseas returnee, CONUS mandatory movers' assignment listing available

RANDOLPH AIR

FORCE BASE, Texas – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas and CONUS mandatory movers from November through January 2006 will be available July 12.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights or their commander's support staff to update their preferences by July 28. Deployed personnel must work with their PERSCO representative to update assignment preferences.

Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-August, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank. People

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should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.

People can view the lists by logging into the Assignment Management System at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or view it at the local MPF.

### Senate confirms Moseley as next CSAF

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) – The Senate has confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next chief of staff of the Air Force. He is the current Air Force vice chief of staff.

General Moseley met with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee June 29 during his confirmation hearing.

Following the approval of the committee, his nomination was forwarded to the full Senate which approved the

nomination just before adjourning for the Fourth of July holiday.

During the hearing he said his priorities would be to further refine and improve joint warfighting skills, continue to strengthen the Air Force's greatest asset – its people – and to recapitalize the aging aircraft fleet to meet future warfighting needs.

General Moseley is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science.

Besides holding numerous operational assignments, he commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined Forces Air Component Command commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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# Leaders need guidance on religious discussions

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Bluesuiters in leadership positions need more guidance and education about when and where it is appropriate to discuss their faith.

That testimony from Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel, came June 28 before the House Armed Service Committee military personnel subcommittee. The general appeared before the committee to discuss recent religious respect issues at the Air Force Academy, Colo.

"We need to teach people in authority that when they are really expressive about their faith, particularly in areas where faith is not the discussion or issue," the general said, "they can put people that are subordinate to them in compromising or untenable positions"

The academy underwent review by a team sent to investigate allegations of religious intolerance at the school. While the report uncovered no systemic religious intolerance, some cadets reported that some leaders had occasionally discussed their faith at inappropriate times or in inappropriate ways. Other cadets reported displays of religious intolerance on the part of some cadets.

The issue has sparked much recent debate on Capitol Hill, though General Brady testified that some issues might be less debatable than others.

"About behavior such as slurs or disparaging remarks, nobody will debate that with you," the general said. "But what I can say or not say in

terms of an expression of my faith is a more difficult issue. That said, we have to provide better guidance to our commanders and senior supervisors on this subject."

General Brady said it would be difficult for Air Force officials to make a list of "do's and don'ts" that commanders could use to determine when it is appropriate to discuss faith.

"Historically, there has been a reluctance to jump into that well and start making lists of 'this is what you can do,'" he said. "You will always leave something out."

However, the general said commanders can ask themselves questions to determine the appropriateness of religious discussion. Such questions may revolve around what type of relationship people have with those they are talking to. Airmen talking to their peers may have more leeway than those talking to subordinates.

Michael L. Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, recently named Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff the special assistant to the Air Force secretary and chief of staff for values and vision.

Rabbi Resnicoff said his most immediate task will be to advise Mr. Dominguez on how best to implement recommendations made regarding the religious climate at the academy.

Part of his work will be to develop specific guidance about expressions of personal religious beliefs. The forthcoming guidance will emphasize mutual respect and the wingman culture fundamental to all Airmen, officials said.



photos by Kaori Matsukasa

## July 4 – Beach Bash style

Xxxx the Clown entertains his audience while making balloon animals during the Beach Bash event at Hangar 15. The Beach Bash offered Yokota members a Honda Trail Bike demo, crab feast, performances by the Air Force Band of the Pacific – Pacific Trends, Hawaiian Rock Band Kapena and Jaz the Samoan Fire and Knife Dancer.



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# American dream alive, well

By Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne  
355th Wing Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – I am a product of the American Dream.

I was raised on the concept that in America hard work and sheer determination can lead to a better life than you ever thought possible for your family.

As I helped my grandmother cook, or as my grandfather walked me to school, I was reminded of the opportunities and blessings America has bestowed on my family.

My grandparents were born in Malta, a tiny island in the Mediterranean south of Sicily, Italy. My grandfather's family ran a successful hotel business and my grandfather had the benefits of privileged childhood. My grandmother's family, in comparison, was much more humble. She was one of 11 children and her father was a nurse.

When my grandmother was in fifth grade and my grandfather in sixth, their childhoods were shattered. Malta, at the time an English commonwealth, entered World War II. Because of its strategic naval location, Malta would become the most heavily bombed nation (per square mile) of the war.

My grandmother was pulled from school and my grandfather from his tutors to run to the shelters for cover during countless air raids. Soon, all school lessons stopped and staying alive became the name of the game. Once, my grand-

mother was in church during an air raid. A bomb broke through the dome of the church. Luckily, it did not go off.

Food was scarce. My grandmother's father would sneak food from the hospital to feed his children. Most of the time, he could only manage enough for one, which they would all split. My grandmother tells a story where her father sneaked home a cupcake and divided it into 11 pieces for the children.

My grandfather does not like to talk about the hardships his family endured. As soon as my grandfather was old enough, he joined the English Royal Navy. Because of his hotel background and upper-class upbringing, he was assigned as Prince Phillip's steward. He served until the end of the war and went back to Malta.

Like most families there, his had lost everything in the devastation of the war. The hotel business was gone and with it, his family's place in upper society.

Having nothing, he decided to go to Canada to start his own life. About that same time he met my grandmother. However, when she would not leave her family and marry him, he left for Canada.

While living in Canada, he wrote letters to my grandmother. Then one day she got a letter saying he was coming back to visit his father and hoped to see her. He set sail for Malta. It proved to be a providential trip. He was there for a few months and sailed back to Canada with his new bride.

He worked in Canada where he and my grandmother had all of their five children. Then, when the oldest was 8 years old, they moved to Ohio, then to Detroit, where he landed a job as a shift supervisor for General Motors.

My grandparents lived in Detroit, raising their children on the customs and values of a country they left behind. Always proud, my grandparents tried to teach their children to speak Maltese, but being surrounded by English they never fully spoke Maltese, though they all understood it.

More than 50 years after getting off the boat, my grandparents still live in Detroit and continue to tell the same stories of hardship and overcoming adversity they told me as they cooked and walked me to school.

They remain the cornerstone of our family and represent everything we aspire to be. For 23 years I have listened to their stories and I never tire of them. They tell our family's history, but more importantly, they tell what we are capable of overcoming.

My grandparents didn't see the American Dream as fame or fortune. To them, the American Dream was opportunity – opportunities for all 22 of their grandchildren go to college.

No, we are not monetarily rich, but we are rich in family, love and pride. As one of the oldest of their grandchildren, I am most proud of their courage. To leave family and friends for an unfamiliar

land where no one speaks your language and, in the case of my grandmother, you hardly speak theirs takes courage I will never know. To never see your parents again so you can chase a dream of a better life is something I could not do. But I would never have too.

I am fortunate to I serve and live in a country where people immigrate every day seeking the American Dream. They know only America can provide them with the life they want.

The American Dream is alive and well. It is the reason I only want to live in America, where my version stands a chance of coming true, thanks to the stepping stone my grandparents laid for me.

"When my grandmother was in fifth grade and my grandfather in sixth, their childhoods were shattered."

Staff Sgt. Cat Trombley  
355th Wing Public Affairs

## Yokota Top 3 – Mentoring tomorrow's leaders

### Character: A Vital function of leadership

Master Sgt. Edwin E. Holland  
President, Yokota Top 3 Association

The Yokota Top 3 Association has a long and rich history of mentoring our young leaders and peers. Therefore, in an effort to enhance our visibility and approach, we have actively engaged the Yokota Junior Enlisted (YJEC) and Route 56 (NCO) Councils with issues relevant to their personal lives and careers. With that said, I'd like to take a moment to exert upon you my thoughts on character and leadership.

One element of leadership that has been ignored or neglected by many leaders is character. After all, the best leadership involves people bonding with the leader in deep, human, emotional ways. It's safe to say that we recognize good/bad character when we see it, but what exactly is it? How do we define it? What role does it play in our getting results as leaders? I'd like to explore these questions and attempt to give you my view-point.

A vital function of character in leadership is to engender trust in people, and the function of their trust is to have them take action for results. Few leaders have come to grips with the challenges of character and so, ignore or neglect it.

Let's start with the root of the word "Character", it is derived from the Greek word, "kharakter", which means, a chisel or marking instrument for metal or stone. As a result, character is our personal mark engraved into something enduring. We can mold mannerisms, we can mold customs and even courtesies, but we must chisel our character.

Of course, we don't actually carry around a stone or a sheet of metal marked with our "character", but the enduring thing is the aggregate of the traits and features that form our apparent individual nature; "Apparent" being the operative word here. Our character exists not only in and of itself, but also as an appearance to others. The fact that character exists both in us and in the minds of other people holds a powerful leadership lesson.

To arrive at a clear understanding of what character is all about in leadership, I researched three of what I considered to be, the best leaders in history.

I listed three character traits that made each one the best. I then repeated this process with three of the worst leaders in history. To end my research, I made the same lists for leaders of our military and our own organizations.

What did I learn from this? I learned that in identifying elements that compose character, we can come to understand the thinking processes that help us form character judgments.

Because we commonly make snap judgments about people--don't kind yourself, we all do--we must be aware of how and why we make those judgments, so

that we may clarify and make better use of them in our leadership roles.

The ultimate character we must be concerned with, of course, is our own. Our character influences our leadership, and through our leadership, our careers. We know that it is undoubtedly much harder to see our own character than it is to see the character of others.

So at this point, however, you need only realize that, for purposes of leadership, your character must be forged in values and manifested in relationships.

A philosopher, Epictetus (AD 55–135), once said, "Small-minded people habitually reproach each other for their own misfortunes.... Those who are dedicated to a life of wisdom understand that the impulse to blame someone or something is foolishness. ... The more we examine our attitudes and work on ourselves, the less we are apt to be swept away by stormy emotional reactions in which we seek easy explanations for unbidden events."

Although one's relationships in leadership are predicated on results, the most effective result-producing relationships arise when they ultimately have nothing to do with results; it's when people respond to you, not just as a leader, but simply and profoundly as a human being.

Get your values and your character right and the rest of leadership is a matter of details. After all, who you are as a leader should be intertwined with who you are as a person. If your leadership is not your life then you diminish both your leadership and your life.



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Total in 2005	5

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The Action Line is your direct line to me. Use it if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command first. When you send an e-mail, please include your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed.



Col. Scott Goodwin  
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# Special delivery from Japan

## 36 AS delivers critical supplies to unit located in remote mountains of Afghanistan

By 2nd Lt. Shannon Vinson  
36th Airlift Squadron

Hidden somewhere deep in central Afghanistan, U.S. Army soldiers anxiously await the dark shadow of an airplane bringing them much needed supplies.

The soldiers are stationed in one of the most remote and dangerous areas in Afghanistan, where the harsh winter has closed most of the major roads and resulted in an immediate need for water. The soldiers have one bottle remaining.

Looking at the horizon lined by mountain peaks reaching as high as 12,000 feet, the soldiers wait for the C-130 silhouette to quickly descend down the terrain for a vital airdrop.

The C-130 is being flown by a 36th Airlift Squadron crew for long hours over a hot combat zone, 300 feet above the ground on a dangerous, yet critical mission. The crew is part of the first series of combat airdrops since the Vietnam era by the 374th Airlift Wing, and the crew realizes the significance.

"I felt very privileged to be an integral part of this historical milestone," said Staff Sergeant Bobby Cordell, loadmaster for the mission.

The pressure of getting the supplies on time and on target is imperative. An Army drop zone control officer gives the aircrew the signal to release the bundles. Soon after the crew confirms that everything is in place, the navigator yells, "Five seconds ... green light!"

The pilot keeps the plane steady through the sudden jolt of the drop while the copilot and engineer look outside for threats. "Load clear!" shouts the loadmaster once everything is out of the aircraft.

However, the crew is not safe; at a very low airspeed and altitude, the aircraft is vulnerable. As soon as the navigator calls, "Red light," the pilot executes an aggressive escape maneuver stealthily flying over a ridge hiding the huge C-130 from the enemy.

"This definitely was the most challenging mission we flew in the combat zone," said 1st Lt. Chris Ketterer, the copilot during the crew's deployment. "Combat airdrops are extremely important and only assigned to the most capable and experienced crews."

To prepare for such missions, aircrews from Yokota constantly train for contingency airlift. Whether day or night, the 36th Airlift Squadron prepares to handle the challenge of adversary threats, austere dirt airfields, remote drop zones and countless unpredictable situations.

By continually training here at Yokota and throughout the Pacific theater, the 36th Airlift Squadron remains ready to respond to any situation worldwide.

The 36th Airlift Squadron is a flexible and versatile force, proven by combat airdrops in re-

mote areas of Afghanistan, flying over the deserts of Iraq and Kuwait, assisting the Navy in Cuba and the Caribbean Sea, being the first to Thailand's devastated areas for the tsunami relief effort, evacuating valuable assets because of earthquakes and typhoons in Japan, and recovering the remains of fallen comrades from past wars throughout the Pacific theater.



courtesy photos

**Above, deployed Army members watch bundles of supplies airdropped by a Yokota C-130 during a deployment to Southwest Asia. The 36th Airlift Squadron crewmembers dropped much-needed supplies as part of the first series of combat airdrops since the Vietnam era by the 374th Airlift Wing during the historic combat airdrop. Left, a C-130 drops bundles of supplies to waiting soldiers.**



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## Off base

**Atsugi Naval Base's Bon Odori open house:** The base will open its doors to the Japanese public July 23 from noon to 9 p.m. The open house includes aircraft static displays. No parking will be available during the event. Call 046-778-2664.

## On base

### Movies

**Today** – *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, G, 7 p.m.; *XXX 2: State of the Union*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday** – *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, G, 2 p.m.; *XXX 2: State of the Union*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Hostage*, R, 9:30 p.m. (adult-only showing)

**Sunday** – *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, G, 2 p.m.; *House of Wax*, R, 7 p.m.

**Monday** – *XXX 2: State of the Union*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** – *Hostage*, R, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** – *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, G, 7 p.m.; *House of Wax*, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Thursday** – *XXX 2: State of the Union*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Hostage*, R, 9:30 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

### Blood drive

The Armed Services Blood Bank Center is conducting a blood drive July 19. A sign-up booth will be in the Yokota Community Center lobby July 6 to 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 225-7522.

### Closures

The Crossroads Shoppette closed June 20 for a facility upgrade. The Box Office Video Shoppette will be open 24 hours during the closure. Crossroads will reopen in approximately six weeks.

The Arts and Crafts Center is closed until July 19 for renovations. All classes during the closure will be rescheduled. Call 225-9044.

The 374th Comptroller

Squadron will close today at 1:30 p.m. for an official function.

### Mandatory training

All active duty, Reserve, DoD civilian employees and DoD contractors are required to attend annual counterintelligence awareness training Tuesday at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Call 225-9881.

### Volunteers needed

Youth Right Start is looking for volunteers to help welcome new students beginning June 29 through August 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 225-3438 or e-mail [lee.andersen@yokota.af.mil](mailto:lee.andersen@yokota.af.mil).

### SNCO Seminar

There is a mandatory senior noncommissioned officer professional enhancement seminar from July 19-22. Contact unit first sergeants for more information.

### Induction Ceremony

All newly-selected master sergeants and two guests are invited to attend the SNCO Induction Ceremony July 23 at 6 p.m. in the E-Club Ballroom. The cost is \$24 for club members and \$26 for non-members. Contact unit first sergeants for more information or to purchase tickets by July 15.

### Coupon Extravaganza

The Family Support Center will present a Coupon Extravaganza July 15 at the commissary from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winners will be selected based on who saves the most money by using coupons in a single shopping trip.

The first place winner will receive \$100 and second place winner will receive \$50.

Participants can pick up coupons from the Family Support Center or the Base Commissary.

### Education

Air Force Spouse Tuition Assistance applications are available for Term I at the Base Training and Education Services flight. Applications must be returned by July 15. Call 225-7337 or visit

Bldg. 316.

The University of Oklahoma is offering an on-site graduate program here. Application is ongoing with registration 30 days prior to each class session. Fall semester registration is going on now. Call 225-3869 or e-mail [apyokota@ou.edu](mailto:apyokota@ou.edu).

### Modeling fair

The Family Support Center is hosting a modeling fair July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants must complete a talent application at the FSC. Call 225-8725.

### Auto Skills

The Auto Skills Center offers interior cleaning packages, tint work, air conditioning recharging, waterproofing, maintenance classes and more. Call 225-7623.

The center also offers junking services. The cost is \$80 per vehicle in addition to a recycling fee. It is open Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Class is scheduled for July 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bldg. 4018 room 205. The cost is \$25; register at the American Red Cross office prior to the day of class.

The American Red Cross Adult, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid Class is scheduled for July 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bldg.

4018 room 205. The cost is \$35; register at the American Red Cross office prior to the day of class. Call 225-7522 for more information on either class.

### Flea Market

The Enlisted Spouses Club\* will be hosting a Flea Market August 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the Kanto Lodge parking lot. Table and a spot reservation is \$20 with an additional \$5 for each additional table needed.

Tables can be reserved by e-

## Samurai Warrior



## of the Week



Staff Sgt. Terry Grace

Staff Sgt. Rafael Taylor from the 374th Contracting Squadron is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of absolute loyalty to one's superior and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

While deployed as a contingency contracting officer for the 40th Expeditionary Wing, Sergeant Taylor executed more than 220 contract actions valued in excess of \$339,000. He was responsible for the purchase of 13 commodity requests valued at \$18K in less than four hours. In addition, Sergeant Taylor managed a \$220K telecom contract that enabled morale calls for the base's 1,500 personnel. In addition to his top-notch work ethic while deployed, Sergeant Taylor graduated "Magna Cum Laude" from Park University with a 3.72 GPA.

mailing [escfundraiser@yahoo.com](mailto:escfundraiser@yahoo.com) or calling Jennifer Plumer at 227-3373.

### Sons of Hawaii

The Sons of Hawaii\* holds a meeting every third Saturday of each month. Call 227-9219 for more information.

### PO disclaimer

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### Chapel events

A junior high youth group is held every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the building behind the Traditional Chapel. Call 225-7009.

A high school youth group is held every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the building behind the Traditional Chapel. Call 225-7009.

Fussa Presbyterian Church\* is forming a Bible study for men who want to study the tenets of Christian faith. E-mail [FussaPresbyChurch@yahoo.com](mailto:FussaPresbyChurch@yahoo.com) or call 227-3682.

### Chapel Schedule

#### Traditional (West) Chapel

*Catholic:* Reconciliation, Sundays at 8:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m. and by appointment. Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m., 5 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

*Protestant:* Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.

*Other faiths:* Baha'i, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

#### Contemporary (East) Chapel

*Protestant:* Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

*Other faiths:* Seventh Day Adventist, second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Islam, Fridays at noon. Call 225-7009.

# AD

“Quotes”  
& Things

“What do you expect  
in a northpaw  
world?”

Bill Lee, on why  
southpaws are  
always flaky

**Golf:** An Amateur Open Tour-  
nament is July 23 at Tama Golf.  
Register at Tama Golf or Par 3 by  
July 15. Call 224-3426.

**Sumo Wrestling:** Cheer on  
the Company Grade Officers vs.  
the Eagles on today in the Offi-  
cers’ Club Ballroom after an  
Officer’s Call. Col. Doug Kreulen,  
the reigning “Yoko-zuna”, will be  
in one of the featured matches. Call  
225-8526.

**Basketball:** The Youth Sports  
6th Annual Summer Slam Bas-  
ketball Clinic and Tournament  
will be held at the Yokota Middle  
School Basketball Courts.

Clinic dates are: 7-9 year olds  
– Tuesday and Wednesday, July  
19 and 20, 5-7 p.m. and 10-15  
year olds – Thursday and Friday,  
July 21 and 22, 5-7 p.m.

**Football:** The Yokota War-  
riors Football Team will play the  
Atsugi Dolphins on the Saturday  
at Atsugi Stadium, located on Na-  
val Air Station Atsugi. Kick off  
will be at 6 p.m.

**Fencing:** Free fencing lessons  
are offered at the Natatorium  
Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
and Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Equipment is provided.

**Sports coverage:** Send up-  
coming sports events information  
to [fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil](mailto:fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil) or call  
225-8833.



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Leaky Kon-tiki race for the finish

Sonnenberg Sea Serpents Kristiane and Christian Sonnenberg race Speedy Dragons Jacob Tavenner and Bryce Hart during 374th Services Leaky Kon Tiki III cardboard boat races at the Natatorium July 4. The Sea Serpents took second place in the 12 and under division, the Speedy Dragons took 3rd, while Shark B-Eight’s Brady Geronime and Nickolas Chen won first place.

Intramural softball final rack ‘n’ stack

From the east ...

Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB
LRS	16	2	.889	Won 10	330	105	—
USFJ/5AF	15	3	.833	Won 3	261	177	1.0
CS	13	5	.722	Lost-1	268	154	3.0
MXS A	11	7	.611	Lost-1	224	233	5.0
CES	9	10	.474	Won 4	176	196	7.5
20 OWS	7	11	.389	Won 2	223	247	9.0
SFS	7	11	.389	Lost-1	172	218	9.0
DFAS/CPTS	7	11	.389	Lost-3	162	235	9.0
730 B	5	13	.278	Won 1	152	257	11.0
MDG	1	17	.056	Lost-10	100	245	15.0
SD	0	1	.000	Lost-1	0	1	7.5

From the west ...

Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB
730 A	18	0	1.000	Won 18	324	97	—
AAFES	13	5	.722	Won 3	229	154	5.0
OG	13	5	.722	Won 7	209	221	5.0
CES B	10	8	.556	Lost-2	222	206	8.0
MSS/SVS	10	8	.556	Lost-1	205	246	8.0
MXS B	10	8	.556	Lost-2	197	193	8.0
AW	7	11	.389	Lost-1	186	196	11.0
DSRJ	5	13	.278	Lost-1	158	231	13.0
DODDS	4	14	.222	Won 1	129	297	14.0
CONS (ff)	0	18	.000	Lost-18	0	18	18.0

Women’s Softball

Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB
SVS	6	0	1.000	Won 6	44	14	—	MSS	2	4	.333	Won 1	41	48	4.0
DFAS/CPTS	5	1	.833	Lost-1	57	23	1.0	MDG	2	4	.333	Won 1	33	42	4.0
DODDS	3	3	.500	Lost-1	14	17	3.0	YESC	2	4	.333	Lost-3	8	37	4.0
								730	1	5	.167	Lost-5	22	38	5.0

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